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SUBJECT: FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT

1. A SENIOR FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TODAY TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE FRG AND BRAZIL ARE IN CONSULTATION REGARDING THE FRG-BRAZIL NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT.

2. DR. LAHN, MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN, LATIN AMERICAN, AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, SAID THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO SEND HERMES OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH THE BRAZILIANS BECAUSE THAT WOULD GIVE THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS BEING RENEGOTIATED. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE GERMANS AND BRAZILIANS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.

3. LAHN SAID THE BRAZILIANS HAD ESSENTIALLY TAKEN THE FOLLOWING POSITION: "WE WILL STICK BY THE AGREEMENT AND WE EXPECT YOU TO DO THE SAME." THE GERMANS HAD REPLIED: "WE WILL ALSO STICK BY THE AGREEMENT AND WE WILL TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION."

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4. ACCORDING TO LAHN, THE CRUCIAL QUESTION FOR THE BRAZILIANS--PARTLY FOR REASONS OF PRESTIGE--WAS TO HAVE THE ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PLANTS LOCATED ON BRAZILIAN SOIL. LAHN SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE BRAZILIANS WOULD WAVER IN THAT DETERMINATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE OBSERVED, PERHAPS SOME SOLUTION COULD BE

FOUND THAT WOULD PLACE OTHER NATIONS--INCLUDING THE
UNITED STATES--INTO AN INTERNATIONAL BODY WHAT WOULD
SUPERVISE AND CONTROL THESE PLANTS. IN RESPONSE, THE
POLITICAL COUNSELOR REITERATED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT
LOCATING THE PLANTS IN BRAZIL.
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